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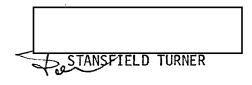
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Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Question from Proxmire Hearings--GNP Growth of Soviet Union

A good and interesting question that I was asked during the recent Proxmire briefings was at what level of percentage growth of GNP will the Soviet Union be in some kind of difficulty? In short, can we possibly project if they get down to 1% growth of GNP, will they have to cut off petroleum supplies to the Eastern Europeans? What other unpalatable actions are likely if the rate of GNP growth drops? I wonder if we could explore this a little?



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